Book Reviews: Things I Have Saw and Did

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You've never walked a mile in Danny Andrews' shoes. But if you read *Things I Have Saw and Did*, you'll feel like you've walked alongside him his whole life.



Andrews is a natural-born story-teller and a nonstop talker. He combined both traits in this book, which includes at least 248 stories. Many of them first appeared in his "Thinking Out Loud" column, which he launched during his long career as editor of the *Daily Herald* in Plainview and continues in the *Footprints* magazine at Wayland Baptist University, where he has been the alumni director eight years.

You'll like this book if you love—in descending order—God; the infinite mystery and quirkiness of people; Plainview; Baptists and the Church of Christ; church in general; Wayland; sports; the Texas Panhandle; newspapers; school; and memories from times past.

A longtime Texas Baptist—and former board member of Baptist Standard Publishing—Andrews recounts tales about famous and not-so-famous fellow Texans and Baptists, including a passel of preachers. He describes people and events so clearly and familiarly, you'll think you know that person, even if you don't, or you were at that church service or event, even when you weren't.

Things I Have Saw and Did reminds me of the old Lays potato chips commercial. Remember? "Bet you can't eat just one." And you can't read just one, either. One page turns to another, and pretty soon, you've lollygagged a long time in Andrews' book, meeting his friends, attending his church, prowling around Texas.

Best of all, this book is both true and funny. For proof, read "Pete McDonald: President of American junk." It made me laugh out loud at least three times and turn the page saying, "Hey, I know that guy," even though I also know I never met him but wish I did.

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